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Khalid Al-Magamis, Director of MFA's Department of Coordination and Follow-up on September 12. EconCouns noted that the non-paper contained updated information on the activities of Revival of Islamic Heritage Society (RIHS) offices in Bosnia, Albania, and Bangladesh, as well as compelling evidence of illicit RIHS operations in a number of other countries. He stressed that this latest non-paper was being submitted in response to GOK requests for "more evidence" of RIHS's support of terrorist activity. EconCouns encouraged careful consideration of all information shared to date, noting that even if the GOK still had questions about RIHS activities, there was sufficient justification for a serious investigation on the  ${\tt GOK's}$  part and a formal response to the USG, which we looked forward to. Al-Maqamis said he would review the paper. He notably did not revisit his earlier suggestion of a face-to-face meeting between the embassy and RIHS officials to resolve the issue.

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